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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

INDUSTRIAL SITUATION GRAVE

SERIOUS EFFECTS ON NATIONAL TRADE

COAL EMBARGO TIGHTENED

RAILWAYMEN AND TRANSPORT WORKERS DRIFTING TOWARDS A STRIKE

LONDON, May 10.
The railwaymen's leader, Mr. Thomas, departing for America a week ago for reasons of health predicted that the coal trouble would be settled in a week. The sudden recrudescence of the industrial trouble shows that he was a false prophet. The fact is that the "rank and file" movement among the railwaymen has grown in his absence.

CABINET'S THIRD MEETING

Like the Clyde dockers they are also refusing to handle foreign coal, thousands of tons of which have accumulated at the ports. Thus the executives of the transport workers and railwaymen are drifting towards the strike which they refused to call officially a month ago. The position is complicated by the strike of ships' stewards against reduction of wages. The Cabinet met to-day for the third time in 24 hours, indicating the gravity of the position.

SITUATION EXACERBATED

LONDON, May 10.
The coal strike situation has been exacerbated. The executive of the Transport Workers' Federation after a prolonged sitting decided to tighten the embargo on coal the handling of which is likely to defeat the miners. They declared that the importation of coal with the object of defeating the miners was morally equivalent to the importation of blackleg miners. They assert that the blockade will not be loosened and that steps are being taken to consult the railwaymen's organisations with the object of rendering them more effective.

NATIONAL TRADE SUFFERS

LONDON, May 10.
The serious effect of the coal dispute on national trade is evidenced by the Board of Trade returns for April showing the exports nearly £60,000,000, and the imports £90,000,000, decreases of £46,000,000 and £7,000,000, respectively, compared with April of 1920.

VOLUNTEERS DISCHARGING COAL FROM SHIPS.

LONDON, May 11.
Mr. Winston Churchill summed up the gravity of the situation in these words: "We are at a bad moment. It requires from the whole community an intense effort of a character similar to that put forward in 1914. The Government is preparing to mobilise the resources of the nation to maintain the vital services. Volunteers have started discharging coal from ships in the Thames, at Glasgow and Yarmouth under strong military guards. Similar action is being taken at other ports."

JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE.

LONDON, May 10.
Prince Hirohito received an address of welcome from the Mayor of Windsor. He returned to London where he dined at Lord Curzon's house and afterwards attended a performance at the Coliseum.

Count Miguchi has left for Paris.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA

NEW AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE OF GOOD CHEER

LONDON, May 10.
The new American Ambassador, Colonel Harvey, arrived at Southampton accompanied by Colonel House.

LATER.
Colonel Harvey, interviewed at Southampton, said that he brought a message of good cheer and hope. England had more than American sympathy. There was never a time when America felt so keenly the moral obligation she owed the motherland. The great empire and the great republic must get together and save themselves and save the world.

HOME CRICKET.

AUSTRALIANS' MATCH WITH SURREY.

LONDON, May 10.
In cloudy weather before a small attendance with play slow, Surrey made 223 runs. Fender made 57 and Hitch 52. Armstrong took six wickets for 39 and Mailey four for 88. Australia won by an innings and 55 runs.

COUNTY MATCHES.

Sussex beat Warwick by 80 runs, and Kent beat Marylebone by 30 runs. Hants, and Yorks, and Oxford, and Middlesex played draws. Notts beat Leicestershire by four wickets.

UPPER SILESIAN FRONTIER.

POLISH GOVERNMENT'S CULPABLE ATTITUDE

LONDON, May 10.
Reuter learns that the promised closing of the Polish and Upper Silesian frontier is nothing like complete. The insurgent leader Korpany crosses daily and commissariat lorries and trains for the insurgents continue to pass through. The Polish Government has been warned of the seriousness of this attitude.

M. Stihamer visited Mr. Lloyd George this afternoon. It is understood he made a statement with reference to Upper Silesia.

ANTI-DUMPING LEGISLATION.

LONDON, May 10.
In the House of Commons, after Mr. Asquith had condemned the fiscal resolutions, the House of Commons by 289 votes to 79 rejected Sir A. W. Bent's amendment restricting the duration of the resolutions relating to anti-dumping legislation to one year instead of five years.

THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 2/6 1/8
Today's opening rate 2/6 5/8

SPECIAL CABLE.

OPERATIONAL REPORT

BOLSHEVIK MURDER GANG

HONGKONG NOTABLES THREATENED

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL]

SHANGHAI May 11.

The native press publishes a sensational report that Russian Bolsheviks have formed a Chinese organization for the purpose of murdering leading personages in Shanghai, Hongkong, Tientsin, Hankow, Tsinan, and other places. The organization is said to be divided into groups of nine men armed with firearms and explosives and its object is declared to be terrorism. The Shanghai Defence Commissioner is vigilant.

TRADE FOR PEKING.

AGREEMENT SIGNED AT LAST.

[China Mail Special]

SHANGHAI, May 11.
Peking advises received in Shanghai state that an agreement has been concluded between the ministry of Finance and the Banque Industrielle de Chine for the construction of Peking tramways following protracted negotiations for nearly a decade.

THE WORLD'S MAILS.

CENSUS TO BE TAKEN.

NO DELAY LOCALLY.

Post Offices all over the world are observing the first 25 days of this month as a statistical period during which all mails will be carefully counted and weighed. The object is to obtain accurate figures upon which to base international transportation of mails. Formerly this census of mails was a six-yearly operation but the Universal Postal Convention which met in Madrid last May has decided that it should take place in future every three years.

In reply to the inquiry of a China Mail reporter this morning the Postmaster General (Mr. Green) intimated that so far as Hongkong was concerned observance of the regulation would not interfere to any extent with the normal handling of outgoing or incoming mails. "It will entail a fair amount of extra work on the part of the staff," Mr. Green said "but mails will not be subjected to any additional delay."

COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

The report of the Board of Directors states:

Your Directors have the pleasure to submit the accompanying Statement of the Company's account for the year ending February 28, 1921. The balance at credit of profit and loss account available for appropriation, after allowing depreciation is \$600,162.30, and your Directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:

To pay a dividend of
\$1.50 per share on
239,126 shares....\$358,689.00
To place to reserve...100,000.00
To pay a bonus to staff...28,719.24
To carry forward to
next account.....112,754.06
\$600,162.30

Directors—Hon. Mr. J. Johnstone having resigned on leaving the Colony, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was invited to fill the vacancy. This appointment requires the confirmation of shareholders.

In accordance with the Articles of Association Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. G. M. Dodwell retire but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A. who retires, but offers himself for re-election.

Another reference to the Mongolian dust-storm comes to hand in a private letter from Chinese gold-mines, in North Korea. The writer describes a strange cloud sweeping over the neighbourhood on April 13 at 40 miles at one time that things only ten feet away were invisible.

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at the Premises of the China Mining & Smelting Co. Ltd., LOWU.

The Plant of the above-mentioned Company.

Comprising all the Machinery,
Tools, Spares, etc.

To be put up in one Lot. Should the property be not disposed of in this manner, the plant will be sold piecemeal.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

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Inspection orders may be had on application to the undersigned.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, April 27, 1921.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

MESSRS. LAMMERT BROS. are instructed to sell the S.S. "KAM MA," as she now lies in the Typhoon Refuge at YAU MA TEI.

by PUBLIC AUCTION,
on

TUESDAY,
the 26th day of May, 1921, at 3 p.m.,
IN ONE LOT,
at their Auction Room in Duddell Street.

The Ship is a Wooden ship of approximately 1800 tons capacity with accommodation for about 800 Chinese Passengers now nearing completion. For particulars to view apply to Messrs. LAMMERT BROS., the Auctioneers.

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THE AUCTIONEERS.
Hongkong, May 6, 1921.

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A SECRET DRAWER.

On examining the contents of the room M. Macé found that a secret drawer in a bureau had been opened. It was of this drawer, Madame Bodasse was told the detective, that her nephew had more than once said to her, "If anything happens to me, you will find all my papers and valuables in there. I keep them in an old green pocket-book." This pocket-book was gone.

Was it not possible, the idea formed itself in M. Macé's mind, that Bodasse had been killed; that his master had then proceeded to his apartment and stolen his papers and valuables; and then, to avert suspicion, had visited the room at intervals, and lit the candle so as to give the impression that Bodasse was still alive and occupying his apartment.

It now became necessary, as far as possible, to trace Voirbo's movements after Bodasse's disappearance, and M. Macé soon discovered that Voirbo had paid the rent of his old lodgings in the Rue Mazarin with a 100 franc note in an Italian company, the number of which

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SOLE AGENTS:

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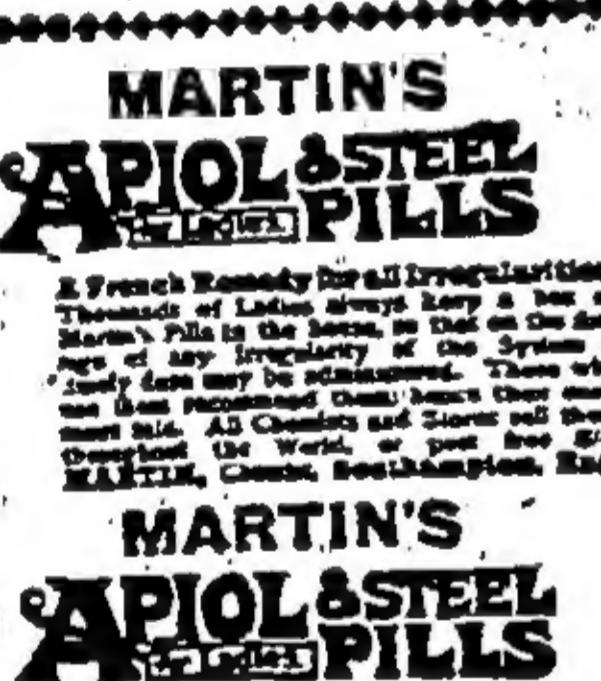
As she now lies.
A detailed list of fittings to be sold
with the ship may be seen at these
offices.

The vessel will open to inspection
from 17th May to the day of sale in
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Permits for inspecting will be issued
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INTIMATIONS.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING will be held
at the Company's Offices, St.
George's Building, on SATURDAY,
21st May, 1921, at 11.30 a.m. for
the purpose of presenting the Report
of the Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts to 28th February,
1921, and electing Directors and
Auditor. The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from the 14th
to the 21st May, 1921, both days
inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 4, 1921.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the 4th ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the Society will be held
at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's
Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY,
May 21st, 1921, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with the Statements
of Account to 31st December, 1920,
and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Society will be CLOSED from 14th
May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the 45th ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the Company will be held
at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's
Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY,
May 27th, 1921, at 12.30 P.M., for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with the Statements
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By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the 52nd ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the Company will be held
at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's
Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, May
27th, 1921, at 12.45 P.M., for the
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By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong May 5, 1921.

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BOOTS AND SHOES
MADE TO ORDER
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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an EXTRAORDINARY MEET-
ING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION will be held at the CITY
HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY,
the 28th day of May, 1921, at NOON,
for the purpose of considering and if
thought fit of passing the following
resolutions:—

- That the Directors of the Hongkong
and Shanghai Banking Corporation
be, and they are hereby requested
and authorized by and on behalf
of the shareholders of the Com-
pany to take the steps necessary
for the introduction of an Ordinance
into the Legislative Council
of the Colony of Hongkong and
for the enactment of the same by
the Governor of Hongkong with
the advice and consent of the
Legislative Council thereto to effect
the amendments necessary to the
Ordinances under which the Com-
pany is incorporated and carrying
on business so as to allow of the
capital of the Company being
from time to time increased from
20 millions of dollars the present
authorized capital of the Company
to 50 millions of dollars.

- That the Capital of the Hongkong
and Shanghai Banking Corporation
be forthwith increased from
\$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by
the creation of 40,000 New Shares of
\$125 each to be issued at the
price of £10 on the terms after
mentioned. Shareholders on the
Eastern Registers to pay for their
allotments at the rate of exchange
for the Company's Demand Bills on
London on the day on which the
installments are due.

- That the said New Shares be in the
first instance, in such manner as
the Directors shall prescribe for
that purpose, offered to share-
holders in the proportion of one
New Share for every three shares
of which on the 28th day of May,
1921, Shareholders shall respec-
tively be the registered Holders,
and that any New Shares not
accepted by Shareholders within
the time limited by the Directors
for that purpose be disposed of
and allotted by the Directors in
such manner and at such price as
in their discretion they shall think
best in the interests of the Com-
pany.

- That the payment of the sum of
£70 per share for each of the said
New Shares be made as follows,
viz:—

1st instalment £35 on the
1st of July, 1921.

2nd and final instalment of £35
on the 1st day of October,
1921.

- That the Directors issue to Share-
holders holding shares less than
or not a multiple of three, a frac-
tional certificate in respect of each
share less than three or in excess
of a multiple of three and allot
one New Share to every person
who shall produce three such
Fractional Certificates on or before
the 1st day of July, 1921, and
pay the first instalment in respect
thereof.

- That after payment of the instal-
ment, and pending payment of the
remaining instalment, Scrip
Certificates in such form as the
Directors may determine be issued
in respect of such New Shares
entitling the holders on payment
of the remaining instalment, and
subject to such other terms as to
approval, date for lodging scrip
certificates and otherwise as the
Directors may prescribe, to be
registered as the owner of the
shares respectively represented by
such Scrip Certificates.

- That interest at the rate of 6 per
cent per annum be allowed out
of the profits of the Company on
installments paid in advance of the
dates when the same become due,
and that registered holders of
Scrip Certificates for New Shares
be entitled in respect of such New
Shares to participate in future
dividends on an equality with the
old shares, in proportion to the
installments paid up, and from due
dates for payment of same.

- That interest at the rate of .8 per
centum per annum be charged on
each instalment not punctually
paid, and be paid with each such
instalment.

- That all moneys received from
premium on the said New Shares
be added to the Sterling Reserve
Fund.

- FOR THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 28, 1921.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the 52nd ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the Company will be held
at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's
Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, May
27th, 1921, at 12.45 P.M., for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with the Statements
of Account to 31st December, 1920,
and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from 14th
May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong May 5, 1921.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

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INTIMATIONS.

PUBLIC MEETING
ON THE RATES QUESTION.

THE Joint Committees of the
CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM
ASSOCIATION and the ROWLOX
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION invite
their members and the Public generally
to a meeting for the purpose of passing
a Resolution against the increase of the
House Rates.

The Meeting will be held at the
THEATRE, at 5.30 P.M., TO-DAY
(Wednesday), the 11th May, 1921, and
it is hoped to obtain a large attendance.

Hongkong, May 7, 1921.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSO- CIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY AN-
NUAL GENERAL MEETING of
the Constitutional Reform Association
of Hongkong will be held in the
Theatre City Hall, TO-DAY, (Wednesday),
11th day of May, 1921, at 6.15
p.m., for the following purposes:—

To receive the Report of the Com-
mittee and Statement of Accounts to
31st December, 1920.

To consider the following resolu-
tions:—

- That all the non-Chinese members of
the Legislative Council be elected.

- That a larger electoral body be
adopted in the case of all such
non-Chinese members with the
exception of the Representative of
the Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce.

- That there be an Unofficial majority
on the Legislative Council with such
safeguards as are provided in
the Constitution of Ceylon.

- That a petition be sent to the
House of Commons asking for the
support of the Members in securing
the above change in the Legislative
Council.

- To elect the Officers and Committee
for the ensuing year.

By Order of the Committee,

L. M. WHYTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, May 7, 1921.

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BIRTHS.

CASSIDY.—On May 3, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Cassidy, a daughter.

HEIDENSTAM.—On May 4, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. von Heidenstam, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CLAYTON—PETERS.—On April 25, 1921, at Weihaiwei, Albert Edward, second surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Clayton, Dulwich, London, to Christina, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Peters, Stamford Hill, London.

DEATHS.

EBRAHIM.—On May 2, 1921, at Bombay, Mr. Rabinulla Currimbhoy, the son of Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Bart. (By cable.)

MACAIN.—On May 2, 1921, at Shanghai, Cecilia Elenor, beloved wife of J. E. Macain, aged 39 years.

FULLER.—On May 3, 1921, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Mrs. Emma Fuller, wife of the late Alexander Fuller, and mother of Mrs. E. J. Harris, and of William and Alfred Fuller, aged 62 years.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1921.

WORRYING SHIPPING.

Preliminary axiom—"shipping is the life-blood of this Colony."

Being the life-blood, backbone, animal card, and vital viscera of this Colony, our shipping must be most carefully sheltered and protected from unnecessary handicaps.

What then? The captain was getting rid of them for us; wasn't he? Why should the police worry about their departure? Their arrival, perhaps. We could understand that.

But our Imperial Government now has a trading agreement with the Bolsheviks. As a people the British ("except maybe Winston Churchill") are no longer at war with the Russian Bolsheviks. These eight men might have been traders.

Even if they were, the police will answer, they must have their passports visa ed.

O! Passports. When is that nuisance going to stop?

It was admitted that these men had passports properly visa ed at Manila for Hongkong. They didn't stop in Hongkong; the charge that they left Hongkong improperly proves that much. They were not visa ed at Haiphong, because the French wouldn't let 'em land. These men, harmless and lawful at Manila, have suffered a sea change, and become something obnoxious in the meanwhile.

It is hard to see how.

If passports are necessary (which we deny) a passenger who gets one should at least get value for his money. A passport should be a passport. These men had 'em. But a passport isn't, apparently, a passport without a perpetual string of visas, each of which costs more money.

The only redeeming feature in this case, in which the police made suggestions unsupported by evidence, was the lightness of the fine imposed. Apparently the police wanted the ship fined \$2,000.

Shipping is the lifeblood of this colony. They wanted to let blood that time. But the magistrate thought \$25 enough.

So do we. Too much. It isn't the fine so much as the vexation and presumably costly delay caused by this red tape procedure.

When are the shipping firms, and every Chamber of Commerce, and every Englishman who has a chance at a bit of pull or push, going to join in the protest against the continuance of the passport and police permit nuisance? The longer it is allowed to go on, the more firmly the bureaucratic lobsters will cling on to it.

Passports? Police permits? And we are Britons!!! Pah!

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Capt. William Brown takes Capt. Richard Owen's place on the Penang Pilot Board.

The first Census count of the population of Kuala Lumpur town gives \$1,078, against 47,000 odd in 1911.

During the voyage from Swatow to Singapore a male infant was born on board the s.s. "Euryalus." Twenty-nine stowaways were found on board the same vessel.

As the lamp has been stolen from the unattended light at Hin Kee Cheng (La Fourme), Gulf of Siam until further notice no light is exhibited from the light post.

The case against Mr. H. L. Totterton for alleged criminal breach of trust of \$6,000, the property of the Argan Co., was mentioned in the Singapore Court and postponed for hearing.

Bearing this in mind, consider the case of the steamer *Yue Ying* 1/2, prosecuted on Monday for attempting to leave the Colony without a police clearance. It had its Harbour Office clearance, but the police had not been aboard to perform the usual fusing with passports.

Flogging as a legal punishment is to be abolished in Formosa from May 1. Presumably it has been retained so long on the same grounds as those on which it was retained in Korea—that it was in accord with old custom, comments the *Japan Chronicle*.

According to a report from the captain of H.M.S. "Jane Tale," a submerged stone with nine feet least water has been found in the fairway between Goh Prah, Goh Satipin, Goh Mu and Goh Jaw, in the Gulf of Siam, East Coast, not far from the track of steamers.

His many friends in China will be glad to know that the Hon. Bertrand Russell has been pronounced definitely out of danger. He will not be able to leave the hospital for some time, but, unless something entirely unexpected develops, his complete recovery is assured.

A new coal field containing an immense quantity of smokeless coal, some of it equaling the best grades mined elsewhere in the world, has been discovered in Shantung, and is to be worked immediately by a company which employed Chinese and foreign engineers in the exploration. A Chinese business man, is now organizing a company with \$500,000 capital to develop the field.

On April 9 the same ship brought eight Russians who had been refused landing permits at Haiphong.

Let us pretend that they were the worst kind of Bolsheviks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HOUSING PROBLEM.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."] 1

Sir,—This question to the exclusion of all others the most important affecting this Colony and is still a burning one since the Constitutional Reform Association took it up and had it discussed at a public meeting held at the Theatre Royal some three years ago; but no tangible benefit of any kind has so far resulted from the representations made by that or any other Associations or persons as evidenced by the fact that rents have risen higher and higher ever since; while house accommodation has become more difficult to obtain.

The reason for it seems to me to be due more to some impractical recommendations made arising out of the failure to grasp the question thoroughly and take in all its details.

The recommendation to build roads and more roads, especially motor roads, round the Colony and the New Territories is surely no solution of the problem except to cater to the few who find it a pleasure to drive round these places, and the large sums spent on them running into many millions of dollars which could have been better utilized towards solving the problem are thus held idle in the meantime because the long distance and the necessarily heavy expenses for transport not to say the inconveniences and disabilities of which there are many will deter the average working man whose daily avocation is in the City from living in these places.

Nor does the building of houses and more houses close to and easily accessible to the City alone solve the problem any more than it can alone be the means of lowering the high rents now obtaining though it may, if the ratio of its output corresponds with that of the growth of the population, relieve congestion and prevent scarcity of houses being felt for the time being.

More than twenty years ago, when quite a young man, I had occasion to advocate in the Column of the *Hongkong Daily Press* rent-control by the Government as the most efficient means of counteracting or at least arresting the then incipient though heavy rise in house rents as I foresaw then that if some such steps were not taken at the time one could not tell what serious proportion the onward march of the rise in rents might not attain to. And in support of my views an able and very lengthy article appeared in the same Journal a couple of days afterwards by Mr. A. Cunningham then connected with that journal but who afterwards became the founder of the *South China Morning Post*.

After these long years, it gives me pleasure to note that hard-working body the Kowloon Residents' Association "whose success is in a great measure due to its indefatigable Secretary, Mr. W. Jackson also advocated my views, namely, that rents will end and wiped out of existence at time synchronizing with the Deluge of Genesis.

This is the riddle that has confused Ancient History, and bewildered and confounded the great historians and archaeologists of the world, and the *sudden ending* of Ancient Civilization, and hitherto inexplicable gap in the Old and New Civilizations of Egypt, Crete, Asia Minor, Susa, Babylon, India, China, North and South America, Polynesia, etc., were also suddenly ended and wiped out of existence at time synchronizing with the Deluge of Genesis.

I must, however, say that this measure alone is not a solution of the housing problem, but I emphatically say that, of the several questions which it embraces, rent-control is the best in that the public will be safeguarded against future exploitation by profiteering if not unscrupulous landlords because the public is assured of protection; and, working hand-in-hand with the development of buildings, it goes far towards solving the housing problem.

The only question now remaining is how far the building of houses will meet with the needs of the growing population, for growing there is no doubt it is, if we take the past as a criterion and, if measures can be taken to check its growth, then the problem is all solved.

I am fully aware that the objection to rent control will be on the ground that it is purely an economic affair. Quite so, but having regard to the fact that the Chinese own, say, nineteen or more of the properties in this Colony and that a great proportion of these properties are held by owners not domiciled in Hongkong, it will not affect trade if a rent-control measure is adopted; on the contrary it will keep these people from taking money out of Hongkong.

As to the measure for checking the growth of the population of this Colony it must be borne in mind that its growth owes a great deal to the indiscriminate influx from the mainland and other places of natives many of whom are undesirables and a measure of that sort will not be against the law when cognizance is taken of the many cases in which persons were arrested and banished after they had been fairly tried and acquitted in open Court.

Although there are several other minor questions connected with the problem, I have purposely abstained from mentioning them as the several measures referred to above are, in my opinion, the main questions affecting it.

Now with regard to the additional rates of 7 per cent imposed on rents by the Government, it will be a great mistake and false economy to oppose it as it is a small matter in comparison with the extortionate increases in rents made by most of the landlords from time to time. Besides how can the Government help it when it was urged to undertake many an expensive work at a time when its revenue was decreasing?

When the additional 7 per cent, rates on rent freely contributed by the public during the late war for Imperial purposes was abolished, it was the landlords who reaped the benefit.

There are, however, some landlords who are not only honest but even humane, but they are few in number of whom, I am told, Mr. M. J. D. Stephens is one. If the others prefer not to follow in his footsteps there is the more reason for a rent-control; and if the Government will see to its being accomplished I am sure the public will heartily contribute twice the rates on rent now being asked, for there will be an end once for all to the vexations question of high and oppressive rents.

Yours faithfully,
 J. M. XAVIER.
 Hongkong, May 11, 1921.

A PROBLEM SOLVED.

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The article contains the following statements:

"How old are the bones?" It is a question nobody can answer.

"They may be 1,000 or 10,000 years old."

"There is no historical record of the volcanic eruption which made the lava bed."

"Undoubtedly it occurred a very long time before Cortez visited the Capital of Montezuma."

Will you kindly permit me to make the following observations, which may help to solve the riddle?

A careful study of the geological conditions of Mexico, the West India Islands, and the different Island groups of Polynesia, together with their Prehistoric architectural remains, prove conclusively that the volcanic eruption which created the lava bed that destroyed life in the Valley of Mexico City, took place at the same time as the great terrestrial convolution, which upheaved Central Asia and submerged a continent in the Pacific Ocean. This great upheaval and subsidence of land caused a tidal wave, which travelled round the earth and destroyed all ancient civilizations, and this is why no historical record of this eruption exists amongst the natives of Mexico. It is therefore safe to fix the age of these human bones at no more than 5,000 years.

In order to prove that the Prehistoric civilization of Mexico was suddenly wiped out of existence, it is important to remember the significant fact that the Prehistoric civilizations of Egypt, Crete, Asia Minor, Susa, Babylon, India, China, North and South America, Polynesia, etc., were also suddenly ended and wiped out of existence at time synchronizing with the Deluge of Genesis.

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Consequently, the different Countries were repeopled after the Deluge, and this is why there has been so much confusion in accounting for the origin of Prehistoric remains, and why no historical records of their origin can be found.

The history of these dead Prehistoric civilizations has been a closed book and has still to be written, but now that the truth of the Deluge has been established, it will be possible to unravel the complicated tangle and solve the mystery of ages. Yours truly,

TSE TSAN TAI.
 Hongkong, May 10, 1921.

Straits hospital fees have gone up!

A single-bedded room in 1A, e.g. some first class wards in Singapore and Penang is \$12 per day. Details are gazetted and those interested may like to learn that a minor operation may cost them from \$25 to \$100, while a major operation may involve a cheque of between \$50 and \$300.

The *Shanghai Nichi Nichi* reports that two Russians "who have sharp eyes and wear moustaches" have of late engaged in pocket picking on the tram cars. One of them, says the report, wears a military uniform and the other a lounge suit, and they seem to have paid particular attention to Japanese passengers.

A scheme to lease a big forest in the Siberian Range, in the Siberian Litoral Province, by American capitalists is well matured. A big lumbering company with a capital of 100,000,000 rubles, will probably be incorporated by American and Russian capitalists. The Chinese Government will also be interested in the scheme.

SANITARY BOARD.

1922 ESTIMATE CONSIDERED.

DISPOSAL OF REFUSE.

NEW METHODS DISCUSSED.

Estimates for 1922 providing for the normal extension of the existing staff and equipment" were discussed by members of the Sanitary Board at a meeting of that body held yesterday afternoon.

1. That the present Hongkong Cricket Club be wound up, and the Committee be authorized to take all necessary steps for that purpose.

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3. That the Committee be authorized to assign and hand over to the new Company when registered, all the assets of the Club.

CRICKET CLUB.

LIMITED COMPANY.

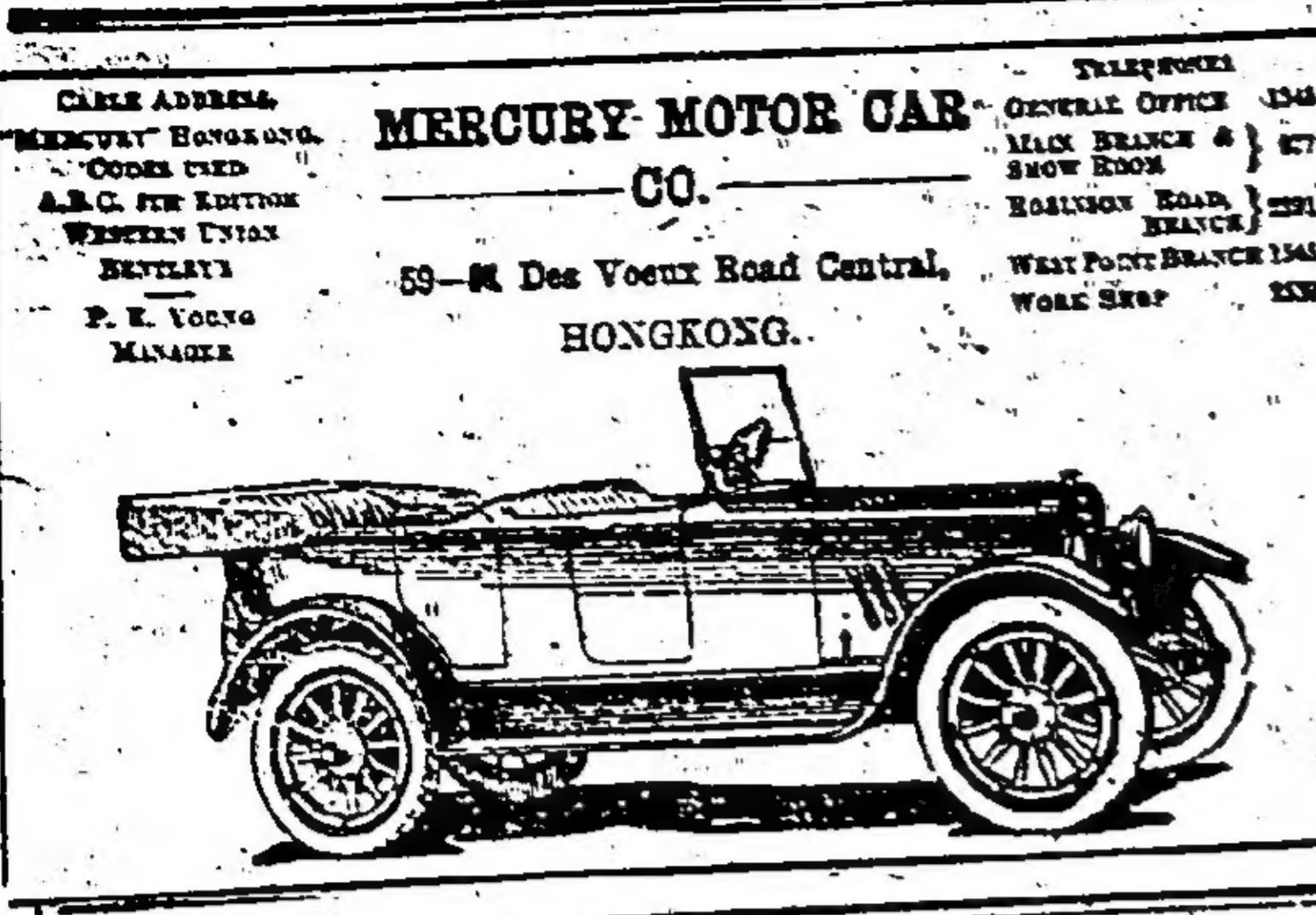
PROPOSAL CONFIRMED.

The following resolutions passed at an extraordinary general meeting of members of the Hongkong Cricket Club on April 14, were confirmed at a meeting held in the Club's pavilion yesterday afternoon.

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HOME ITEMS.

"I deny that I ever touched her," said a woman charged at Tottenham with kicking a neighbour. "And none of these witnesses have told the truth, because they were not there when I kicked her." Then the magistrate fined her 40s.

Many women are pawning their jewellery at a purely nominal figure before taking their holidays, simply for safety's sake; while many flat-owners are pawned the whole of their wardrobe owing to the activities of the holiday season burglar.

An International Congress of men and women teachers of dancing held at Paris decided to strike out the "shimmy" or "shudder" dance from their classes. The hope was expressed that it would be possible to revive the value by modernising it with the aid of some new steps, and demonstrations of three new value steps were given.

Mr. C. O. Atkinson, of Twickenham, Middlesex, who left £15,165, says in regard to legacies to his sons: "Should either or both of my sons take to drinking to excess they are to be considered not capable of looking after their capital, and such capital is not to be paid to them until my executors are satisfied that a lazing reform has taken place."

The Insurance Committees of Leicester and Preston are considering a scheme for providing panel patients with nurses. The Leicester committee suggests that the accumulated funds of approved societies, which are expected to reach the sum of £7,000,000 for Great Britain, should be drawn on for the purpose. The Preston committee proposes that a nursing centre should be maintained by a payment of 3d. per member per annum.

An emu at the Zoological Gardens bit W. Whealey, St. Stephen's-road, East Ham, E. so badly that he collapsed and had to be taken to hospital. Whealey was feeding the bird at the time.

Kittens have been attacking young lambs and siring sheep on Exmoor, one farmer having had three sheep attacked in this way within a few days. Shepherds are keeping a sharp lookout for the birds.

The plans which are in progress for creating a motor-boat service on the Thames have broken down, and we shall have another summer with only a few pleasure boats plying on the most interesting river in the world.

Of the 365,707 persons in Government Departments on February 1, 108,807 were women. The staff of the Labour Ministry having increased by 2,775, made the total of White-Hall employees 1,247 over that on January 1.

WHY

DOES A HOUSE HAVE CHIMNEY POTS?

The tall chimneys which are characteristic of factories, power plants, and other places where heat is used for the generation of energy, and the chimney pots to be seen on top of dwellings, have much in common, for the two work along the same principle - that a constant supply of oxygen is essential to the burning of a bright, well-heating fire. In fact, the rate at which a draught of air travels through the burning coals is directly responsible for the rapidity at which the fire burns and it is for this reason that the opening of draughts above and below a furnace will cause a rapid rise in temperature, while cutting off the supply of air keeps the flame at a low ebb.

The rate at which this draught of air travels through the burning substance, depends, in large part, upon the height of the flue above the fire, and when a grate or furnace does not "draw" well, the difficulty can often be overcome by the addition of an extension-known as a "chimney pot" - to the top of the chimney. This has the effect of increasing the draught and operates along the same lines as the towering chimneys necessary to cause a sufficient volume of air to pass through the factory fire.

Mr. C. R. W. Griffiths, a passenger aboard the "Lakang," from Calcutta to Hongkong, was taken ashore in Penang suffering from acute peritonitis, and succumbed. The deceased gentleman was travelling round the world.

LOSS OF THE "HONG MOH"
COURTS FINDING.
DISASTER DUE TO FAULTY COURSE
RESCUERS' HEROISM PRAISED.

The Court of Inquiry which investigated the circumstances under which the Singapore steamer "Hong Moh" was lost during the early part of last March delivered its finding at the Marine Court today. The Court attributed the cause of the casualty to the faulty nature of the course set and kept.

The Court of Inquiry comprised the following: Lieut. Commdr. Conway Hale, R.N.R. (President), Lieut. Commdr. S. Robinson, R.N. (H.M. Dockyard), and Messrs. W. Davison, (C.P.O.S.), J. McAnish (master s.s. "Yensang") and E. Walker (master s.s. "Haiyang"). Mr. F. C. Jenkins, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the owners of the "Hong Moh" and also on behalf of the ship's officers.

HOW DISASTER HAPPENED.

The full text of the Court's decision as delivered by the President this morning was as follows:

"We find that the British s.s. "Hong Moh" official number 85,862 Singapore, of which Henry William Holmes, number of whose certificate of competency is 2,279 Hongkong, was master, left Hongkong on March 2nd, 1921, for Swatow and Amoy with crew numbering 43 and through passengers from Singapore numbering 1,135, maximum draught was 22ft. 6ins.

She arrived off Swatow about 9.30 a.m. on March 3rd, but the draught of the ship was too great to cross the bar so the ship proceeded towards Amoy. But owing to persistent representations by the Swatow passengers the Master decided to return and anchored in the vicinity of Bill Island, off Swatow, and signalled for a pilot to take the ship into Swatow. A pilot came off and informed the Master that it was impossible to do so on account of the ship's draught.

At 5.30 p.m. on March 3rd, the s.s. "Hong Moh" weighed anchor and stood down to the south, and when in a position about one or two miles North East of Cape North East of the Good Hope Cape the course was set S. 85 E by compass, the compass having a figure one deg. Easterly deviation; speed 9 knots, increased to 10 knots at about 6.30 p.m. The weather was strong, North Easterly wind, rough sea, overcast cloudy and visibility not good.

MASTER'S INTENTION OBSCURE.

It is not clear from the evidence whether the master intended to pass 1. South of the Boat Rocks. 2. Between the White Rocks and High Lammock Island. 3. To the north of the High Lammock Island.

If he intended to pass South of the Boat Rock the wrong course was set. If he intended to pass between the White Rocks and High Lammock Island we are of opinion that the passage would have been dangerous and undesirable in view of the weather conditions and low visibility. If he intended to pass North of the Lammock Light the course should have been altered by a safe distance from the Lammock Light. The course was not altered and the vessel struck the North West point of the White Rocks at 7.20 p.m. on March 3. After the vessel struck, the weather became worse and at 3 a.m. on March 4 the vessel broke in two.

"SHANSI" ACTION COMMENDED.

We are of opinion that after the stranding the master and officers did all that was possible to assist the passengers. The sea was too rough to launch boats. At 9 a.m. on March 4 the s.s. "Shansi" of 1984 tons was sighted and closed the "Hong Moh" and stood by till p.m. on the 5th. The sea was too rough for boat work, though this was attempted by the "Shansi". We are of opinion that the "Shansi" did all that was possible under the circumstances picking up all the officers, some of the crew and a few of the passengers who had jumped overboard and drifted past the "Shansi". Many were drowned in attempting this. The master was drowned while attempting to swim from the "Hong Moh" to the "Shansi". The "Shansi" then proceeded to Swatow, with about 45 survivors on board, with a view to getting further assistance. We consider the s.s. "Shansi's" decision to proceed to Swatow where she hoped to obtain further assistance was a wise and proper thing to do.

NEGLECT OF PASSING STEAMERS.

Distress signals were sent up by the "Hong Moh" after stranding and a steamer was sighted distant two to three miles. This steamer signalled by Morse lamp. No answer could be made by the "Hong Moh" as her dynamo was out of action and the oil signal lamp was of insufficient power. This unknown steamer did not stand by but proceeded on its course. Other steamers were sighted by day on the 4th and 5th and on the night of March 4 at various distances from the "Hong Moh," none passing close. None of these steamers closed the "Hong Moh" or offered assistance. Only in one instance have we any evidence that any of these steamers sighted the wreck and in that case we have been unable to call the master.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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J. R. ROSS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, May 11, 1921.

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"They're bareheaded; and in the dark their shaven skulls look like nothing human. They're armed with those damned tubes, too. I'd give a thousand dollars—if I had it!—to know their mechanism. Well, gentlemen, deeds speak. What am I here for, when I might be on my way to Liverpool, and safety?"

"You're here to try to make up for the past a bit!" said a soft musical voice. "Mr. Cavanagh's life is in danger."

Carmena entered the room.

"Tell them," she said quietly, "what must be done."

"Now," rapped Dexter, in his strident voice—putting aside all questions of justice and right (we're not policemen) what do we want—you and I, Mr. Cavanagh?"

"I can't think clearly about anything," I said dully. "Explain yourself."

"Very well. Inspector Bristol, C.I.D., would want me and Hassan arrested. I don't want that! What I want is peace; I want to be able to sleep in comfort; I want to know I'm not likely to be murdered on the next corner! Same with you?"

"Yes—yes."

"How can we manage it? One way would be to kill Hassan of Aleppo; but he wants a lot of killing. I've tried! Moreover, directly we'd done it, another Sheik-al-Jehad would be nominated and he'd carry on the bloody work. We'd be worse off than ever. Right! we've got to connive at letting the blood-stained fanatic escape, and we've got to give up the slipper!"

"I'll do that with all my heart!"

"Sure! But you and I have both got little scores up against Hassan which it's not in human nature to forget. I've got it worked out that there's only one way. It may nearly choke us to have to do it, I'll allow. I'm working on the Moslem character. Mr. Hilton, make up a fire, in the grate, here!"

Hilton stared, not comprehending. "Do as he asks," I said. "Peculiarly, I am resigned to mutilation, since I have touched the bag containing the slipper, but if Dexter has a plan—"

"Excuse me, sir," Soar interrupted. "I believe there's some coal in the coal-box, but I shall have to break up a packing-case for firewood—or go out into the yard!"

"Let it be the packing-case," replied Hilton hastily.

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Before Magistrate Lindsell yesterday afternoon, further evidence was taken in the case in which Pan Kuen is charged with having forged the name of his brother, Pan Ho, on a second date of mortgage dated February 2, 1907.

Mr. F. C. Jenkins (instructed by Mr. G. R. Haywood) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. N. C. Macnamara) for the defendant.

The deed related to house No. 227, Queen's Road Central, and involved a sum of about \$4,000, but the sum entered on the charge as \$45,000, which represented compound interest on the \$4,000 at 18 per cent per annum.

The Complainant, Chan Pui-chi, recalled and examined by Mr. Alabaster said that eight years after defendant had absconded he wrote to him in America requesting the repayment of \$4,000, the amount due on the mortgage deed, \$1,500 being the cost he had to pay in an action brought against him by defendant's brother in connection with the mortgage deed, and \$450 being the amount lent to defendant by his concubine.

After further evidence the case was adjourned until Thursday, May 19.

OLD BAILEY COLLAPSE.

A COINCIDENCE.

THE 1910 EARTHQUAKE RECALLED.

A verdict of "accidental death" was returned by the Coroner's jury yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of the enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of the victims of the Old Bailey house collapse. A rider was added to the effect that the jury were of the opinion that every precaution had been taken to prevent a collapse, and from the evidence submitted, they had no means of ascertaining the cause of the collapse.

The only witness to be examined yesterday afternoon was Mr. J. W. White, Engineer in charge of Buildings, (P.W.D.). The witness said that his duties included the passing of plans. The office records failed to show the date of the construction of the Old Bailey Buildings, but they would probably be some 40 or 50 years old. He had received no previous information with regard to the dangerous condition of any of the houses in the block, with the exception of house No. 17 which was damaged as the result of an earthquake in 1910.

The Coroner: You regard the damage as being due to the earthquake?

The Witness: Due both to the earthquake, and to old age.

The Coroner: That in itself did not give you any reason to suppose that the other houses were unsafe? No.

The witness went on to say that the next occasion on which he had received any information about the Old Bailey houses was when he received Mr. Wease's plans for alterations to house No. 11. The plans submitted by Mr. Wease complied with the requirements of the Building Ordinance, and were accordingly passed by witness. Having regard to the later history of the buildings, he would not hesitate to approve similar plans again. If plans complied with the Ordinance, the witness had no power to reject them. After passing the plans the witness did not hear more about the house until the afternoon of April 12, when he received a report that the party wall between Nos. 11 and 13 was cracking and he at once took steps to have it stored up. The wall between Nos. 9 and 11 then appeared to be quite safe. About 5.30 a.m. on the 13th, he received information of the collapse of the party wall between Nos. 9 and 11. He made enquiries as to the collapse and after examination of the buildings, he came to the conclusion that the building had come to the end of its tether and that the collapse was due to old age. The fact that the wall between Nos. 9 and 11, which on the previous day appeared quite safe to him, had collapsed instead of the wall between Nos. 11 and 13, was a mere coincidence.

The witness agreed that if the corralling was done in long lengths that would cause a certain amount of danger. He did not know how it was done.

Mr. Lo: Then as far as the evidence that has been given goes, you do not know whether the collapse was due to a coincidence or due to faulty construction? That is the case.

You regard careful supervision as being necessary? In cases of buildings like these, yes.

The impression left on my mind was that it was absolutely dangerous to touch it? That is being wise after the event. It is only by turning up the history of the buildings that we have been able to discover this.

Mr. Lo: But you can tell by merely looking at the building whether it is old or not. When you have a building of this description it seems to me very important that there should be strict supervision during the course of the carrying out of the alterations.

Further questioned, the witness said he saw no reason why workers should not be employed until 3 o'clock in the morning if circumstances necessitated it.

Replying to Mr. Turner, Mr. White stated that if the corralling was done in excessive lengths before 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 12th, he would have expected the representative of the P.W.D. to have found cracks on the wall. As a matter of fact no cracks were found on this particular wall.

The absence of cracks, the witness added in reply to Mr. Lo, would probably not indicate that the corralling was not done in excessive lengths.

At the conclusion of the evidence, the Coroner repeated to the jury his opening remarks as to what was expected of them in this case, and added that it was open to them to make any recommendation or suggestion as to the immediate or future safety of the buildings, which might arise out of the evidence.

Without retiring, the jury returned the verdict reported above.

We agree that there are two alternatives to which the collapse can be contributed, the one being accidental and the other due to faulty repair? Yes, I agree that there are two alternatives.

The one alternative depends on the rather unusual coincidence of old age; the use of blue bricks, etc?

And the other depends on the infallibility of an ordinary Chinese contractor? Yes.

Have you much faith in Chinese contractors carrying out work property without supervision? It depends upon the class of work they are engaged upon.

Are Chinese contractors to be trusted when they are not absolutely under supervision? Haven't you had cases brought to your notice where they are not to be trusted? We have had cases.

And in this particular case the contractor has run away? I have been informed so.

In view of this additional fact that the contractor has disappeared and has failed to come forward to give evidence, do you still pin your faith to the idea that this was a coincidence? I think the contractor ran away without stopping to think.

What I should like to know is why you assign the collapse to a coincidence rather than to something which is feasible such as faulty construction? What makes you think it was a coincidence and not faulty construction?

I have had experience of buildings collapsing without any cause whatever, simply due to old age.

The witness, further questioned, held that the collapse was due solely to old age and not to the fact that the work was not carried out properly.

Mr. Lo: You can give no further reason than that you have already given?—My opinion is also based upon my experience for a number of years and to my knowledge of buildings in Hongkong, which are all gradually coming to the end of their tether.

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The name of Greenbridge, which Messrs. Elders and Fyffes have chosen for the former German raider "Moewe," seems with its fragrance and suggestion of the peaceful countryside to be sadly inappropriate for the corsair against whom the "Otaki" put up such a wonderful fight to the death, and who laid the minefield which sank H.M.S. "King Edward VII"—not so long ago the pride of the Navy, but by the time the war came nothing more dignified than the flagship of the "Wobly Eight." This singular cut-for-carrion and leaving behind her a long-trail of sunken ships and burned, is, as so many of her "compradors" would like to be, quite a reformed character, and the buildings had been frequently repaired during the last 20 years.

The witness replied that it was a coincidence. Both were due to his opinion to the age and condition of the buildings and not to any common cause.

Mr. Lo: In spite of the occurrence of these two important facts, you say that it was a coincidence?

Witness: I think it was a coincidence.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

A COMMONWEALTH SCHEME.

(Editor's Service to the China Mail.)

JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE.

London, May 10th.

The Prince of Wales and Prince Hirohito, with their suites, left London by the royal train to Windsor at 11.45 a.m. There was a formal reception at the station. Prince Hirohito held an informal reception in the waiting room. The platform was crowded. The prince drove to the Castle in royal carriage. The route was bedecked and was lined with cheering crowds numbering thousands up to the approaches of the Castle. The crowds acclaimed the visitor, who was received by the Marquess of Cambridge.

After inspecting the Castle, Prince Hirohito was entertained to luncheon. Afterwards he placed wreaths on the tombs of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII.

EXPORT CREDIT SCHEME AND FAR EAST.

London, May 10th.

The Manchester Association of Importers and Exporters has sent a letter to the Government declaring that the extension of the export credit scheme to India and the Far East will have a detrimental effect on the present state of the markets, considering that the exchange banks are capable, adequately, of dealing with the situation.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR DUDLEY EDWARD.

London, May 10th.

His Majesty the King received in audience, at Buckingham Palace, Major-General Sir Dudley Edwart on his relinquishing his command of the troops in the Straits Settlements.

U.S. SHIPPING STRIKE.

WALNUTON, May 10th.

The efforts of the Secretary of Labour to effect a settlement in the shipping dispute have failed, in consequence of the Shipping Board's insistence on a 15 per cent reduction in wages. No further conference will be held.

HYATTIAN DELEGATES.

NEW YORK, May 10th.

The Hyattian delegates have arrived in Washington to present a memorial to President Harding, the State Department and Congress, accusing Americans of a long series of atrocities and demanding their withdrawal from Hayti.

DUTCH TOBACCO DUTIES.

ROTTERDAM, May 10th.

The First Chamber has passed two bills proposing an increase of duties on foreign-made cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, and cigarette papers to three times the amount of the present duties.

WAGES REDUCTION.

London, May 10th.

The Lancashire Cotton Employers' Federation has notified the operatives of a 30 per cent. reduction in wages from June 1st.

REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

London, May 10th.

Attempts to form the German Cabinet have so far broken down on questions of disarmament and reparation, and the subject of disarming her irregular military organizations. Berlin politicians have been intimidated, but the latest telegram from Berlin indicates that the principal political parties have agreed to the advisability of accepting the Allied ultimatum.

It is expected that Herr Stresemann, the leader of the People's Party, will form a Cabinet to-day.

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SWATOW.

May 12—L.C.S.N. Hainan.
12—L.C.S.N. Waiping.
13—D.L. Haikou.
13—O.S.K. Fushu Maru.
14—D.L. Hainan.
19—O.S.K. Swhu Maru.
24—L.C.S.N. Chansang.

AMOGY.

May 13—D.L. Haikou.
15—O.S.K. Hainan Maru.
17—D.L. Hainan.
19—O.S.K. Swhu Maru.
19—C.N. Swatow.

FOOCHOW.

May 13—D.L. Haikou.
17—D.L. Hainan.

SHANGHAI.

May 12—L.C.S.N. Haikou.
13—C.N. Swhu Maru.
14—J.C.J.L. Tiki.
14—L.T. Nippon.
14—O.S.K. Soyan.
14—O.S.K. Chinkiang.
14—C.N. Szechuan.
14—C.N. Anhwei.
24—P.O. Pao.
22—P.O. Paul Lecat.
June 1—P.O. Delta.

TIENTSIN.

May 17—L.C.S.N. Chingshing.

TSINGTAO.

May 14—C.N. Suyang.

KEELUNG.

May 15—O.S.K. Kaito Maru.

TAKAO.

May 12—O.S.K. Soshu Maru.

PUKOW.

May 17—C.N. Speichien.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

May 15—L.C.S.N. Inason.

SAIGON.

May 12—A.L. Lake Cava.
21—M.M. Andre Lebon.
21—O.S.K. Kitto Maru.

SINGAPORE.

May 12—A.L. Lake Onawa.
21—C.N. Tjibet.
21—O.S.K. Kitto Maru.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MANILA.

May 13—L.C.S.N. Longgan.
14—A.L. Wenstoe.
22—A.L. Atenas.
June 4—C.M. Nanking.

JAVA PORTS, ETC.

May 18—J.C.J.L. Tjibet.
19—A.L. Lake Onawa.
28—J.C.J.L. Tjibet.
31—Navy Y.K. Seng Maru.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA.
(VIA Rangoon).
May 12—B.L. Tokaido.
14—L.C.S.N. Liang.
21—B.L. Japan.
June 2—B.L. Aratoon Apar.
14—B.L. Tanda.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

May 22—O.S.K. Ido Maru.
22—N.Y.K. Tajin Maru.
June 8—O.S.K. Hagan Maru.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
May 13—C.A. Hyang Ping.
23—N.Y.K. Kita Maru.
23—E.A. St Albans.
June 1—N.Y.K. Tango Maru.

JAPAN PORTS.

May 12—L.A. St Albans.
12—B.F. Macau.
13—B.L. Atarao Apar.
13—N.Y.K. Kita Maru.

Navy Y.K. Kita Maru.

Navy Y.K. Bone Maru.

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B.V. Bellorophon.

Navy Y.K. Muoran Maru.

21—J.C.J.L. Tjibet.

Achies.

22—P.O. Alipore.

22—N.Y.K. Tango Maru.

23—E.I. Tanda.

26—N.Y.K. Kaga Maru.

Jude 1—B.F. Deudhoo Maru.
12—B.F. Mentor.

12—B.F. Tantra.

23—P.O. Byra.

23—P.O. Byra.

July 5—B.F. Kasmir.
18—P.O. Khyber.

AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.

May 25—S.C.D. West Iron.
June 10—S.C.D. Melville Dollar.
22—C.P.R. Empress of Asia.
Aug. 18—C.P.R. Empress of Russia.
22—C.P.R. Empress of Japan.
Sept. 20—C.P.R. O.

VICTORIA.

May 14—A.L. Wenatchee.
31—X.Y.K. Fushun Maru.

BEAUFORT.

May 12—W.L. West Jetzer.
14—A.L. Vedder.

EDMORE.

17—N.Y.K. Fushun Maru.
21—A.L. Venatchee.

TEUCHER.

23—B.F. West Iron.
25—S.D. Africa Maru.

SUWA MARU.

29—N.Y.K. Fushun Maru.
31—A.L. Tallybius.

ELDRIDGE.

July 6—B.F. Tyndarens.
9—A.L. Keystone State.

RASHIMA MARU.

12—N.Y.K. Venatchee.

PROTELLAUS.

23—A.L. Protellaeus.
13—A.L. Ixion.

TALLYBIUS.

Sept. 14—B.F. Tallybius.

PORTLAND.

June 2—A.L. Abertes.

SAN FRANCISCO.

May 14—T.K. Persia Maru.

GORNOKA.

18—C.M. China.

WEST CARMONA.

22—S.D. Taiyo Maru.

SIBERIA MARU.

27—T.K. Tenyo Maru.

KORE MARU.

15—C.M. Nile.

SHIHO MARU.

16—T.K. Shioho Maru.

LOS ANGELES.

May 22—S.D. West Carmona.

VALPARAISO.

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SALVADOR.

May 15—T.K. Seijo Maru.

Rakuyo Maru.

June 10—T.K. Choyo Maru.

NEW YORK.

May 16—D. & Co. Bowes Castle.

Knight Companion.

31—B.L. Sumatra Maru.

Loretta.

10—D.L. Melville Dollar.

(Via Sciez).

May 25—B.F. Katura.

M.S. Dollar.

June 5—B.L. City of Shanghai.

Telemacos.

27—B.F. City of Madras.

July 10—B.F. Durcalion.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

DURBAN AND CAPETOWN.

(VIA SINGAPORE, BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS AND MACEIO).

May 15—O.S.K. Chicago Maru.

EUROPEAN PORTS.

SRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE.

May 19—L.T. Persia.

MARSEILLES.

May 31—M.M. Andre Lebon.

LONDON.

May 14—O.S.K. Atlas Maru.

Kamo Maru.

18—P.O. Nagoya.

Atlas Maru.

19—O.S.K. Agapeor.

Katuna.

25—E.L. Gleniffer.

Plassey.

25—P.O. Macdonald.

Athenaeum.

25—P.O. Tjibet.

Dove.

25—P.O. Laomedon.

Mentor.

18—B.F. Syria.

Elizaveta.

22—P.O. Tjibet.

Tirane.

20—B.F. Ascanias.

Pyrrhus.

Oct. 11—B.F. Tjibet.

LIVERPOOL.

May 13—B.F. Tjibet.

Hector.

23—B.F. Euryalus.

Canfa.

21—B.F. Bellorophon.

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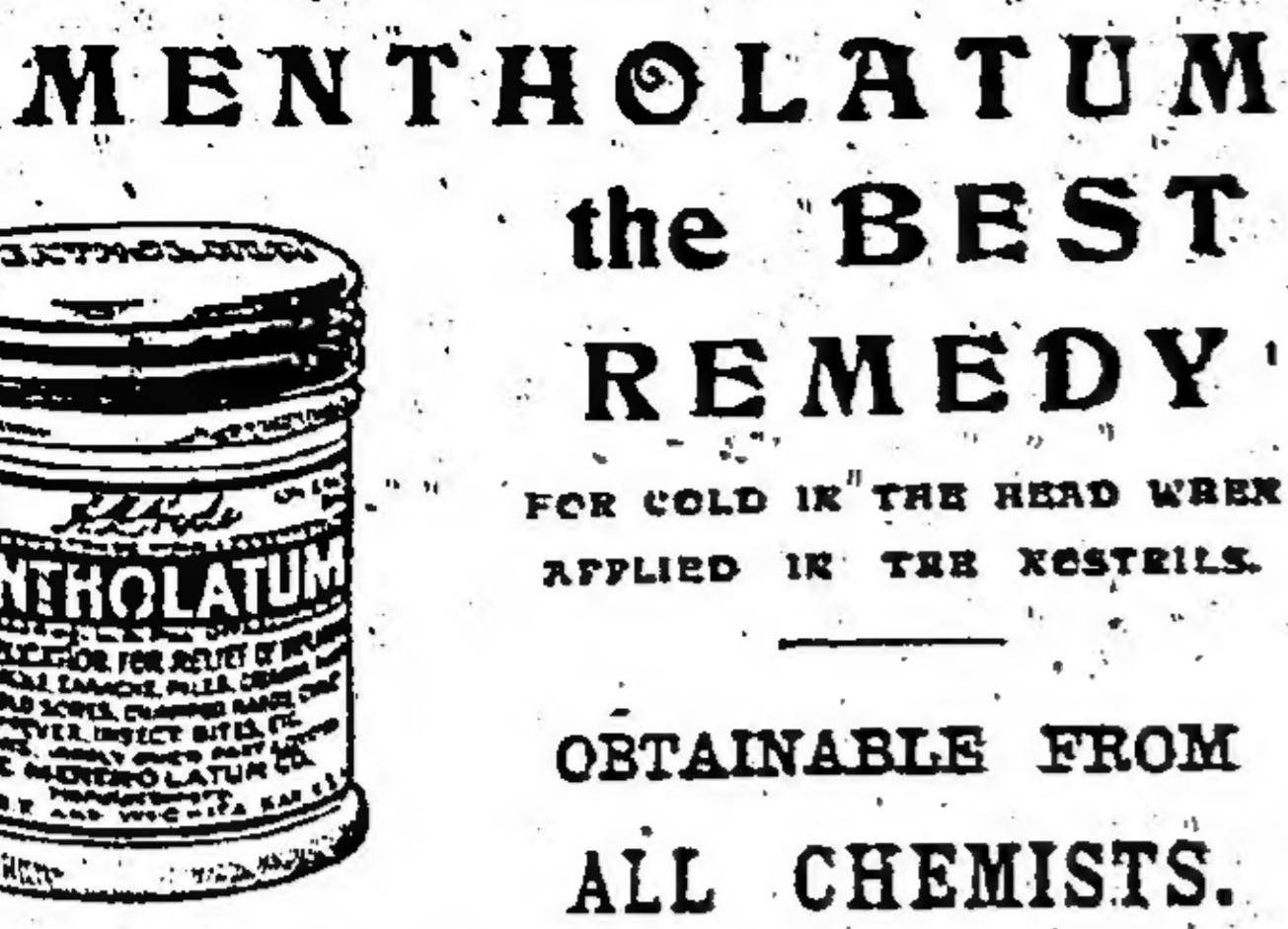
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1921.



TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

NEW GERMAN CABINET.

ALLIED ULTIMATUM ACCEPTED.

BERLIN, May 10.

Herr Wirth, former minister of finance, has agreed to form a cabinet.

BERLIN, May 11.

The new German Cabinet has accepted the ultimatum.

LATER.

In the Reichstag, Herr Wirth, announcing the Cabinet's decision to accept the allied ultimatum, invited the Reichstag to pronounce an opinion upon the matter. He said that the ultimatum could only be accepted or rejected. The Reichstag after debate accepted the ultimatum by 221 votes to 175.

NEW MINISTRY.

LONDON, May 11.

The German cabinet crisis has been settled. A Berlin message reports the opening of the Reichstag. The centrist ex-Minister of Finance, Herr Wirth, has announced the formation of a cabinet in which he will be chancellor and foreign minister, and the former Chancellor Herr Bauer will be vice-chancellor and minister of the treasury. Herr Robert Schmidt minister of labour, and Herr Geseler minister of defence. The finance minister has not yet been appointed. The Cabinet includes four centrists, four majority socialists, and three democrats. The latter are only provisional as they do not wish to join an administration in which the People's Party is not represented.

THE NEW CHANCELLOR.

LONDON, May 11.

Herr Wirth, who is a tall, upright figure of a man, was born in 1879. The son of an engineer, he took up politics in 1913. He is regarded as possessing the ablest financial brain in Germany. He is a leading member of the centre party and inclines to the left wing. He has strong democratic tendencies.

BOWING TO THE INEVITABLE.

BERLIN, May 11.

The debate in the Reichstag was not sensational. The general atmosphere was one of bowing to the inevitable to avoid worse consequences, although the communists noisily interrupted occasionally. Herr Wirth emphasised that it was useless to accept without earnest determination to do their utmost to meet the burdens. Only by deeds could their opponents be convinced of the sincerity of Germany's intentions. He did not share the fears that invasion would come even if the ultimatum was accepted.

SPORT.

BASKET-BALL.

END OF SEASON.

The Basket Ball season is over with Moslem Club, St. Paul's College and Queen's College as respective winners of the Hongkong Open Basket-ball League, Hongkong Students Basket-ball League and the Hongkong Small Boys' Basket-ball League.

An exhibition match, Moslem Club v. The Rest, will be played off on the Chinese Y.M.C.A. ground at 5.30 on Thursday, at the conclusion of which Mrs. Severn will distribute the trophies to the various winners.

GOLF.

R.H.K.G.C. COMPETITIONS.

Play for the Captain's Cup which took place last weekend over the old course at Fanling resulted in a win for A.B. Stewart with the score of 82+1=83.

A number of competitions have been arranged for the Whitsun holidays, 14th, 15th and 16th May including a bogey pool for gentlemen over the old course. On the 16th there will also be a mixed foursomes over the old course, medal play.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. "Leisan," yesterday—Mr. G. Mills, Mr. Mrs. and Miss McAlpin, Mr. Jensen, Mr. H. Smith, Miss Power, Mrs. J. V. Thomas, Mr. H. Miller, Mr. P. Grove, Mr. Jugair, and Mr. D. Sagar.

Per s.s. "Ecuador," yesterday—Mr. Wm. Alhurst, Mr. V. Assmann, Mr. W. H. Brown, Miss M. Bernau, Mr. F. J. Clayton, Mr. J. J. Cono, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cleas, Mr. D. Danby, Mr. J. A. Elizalde, Brother Basilio, Mr. J. T. Ferguson, Mr. E. Hayes, Mr. F. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayes, Miss F. Hayes, Mr. Clyde Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Horan, Miss F. Jefferson, Mr. F. H. Koenig, Miss Anna Krift, Mr. H. Wold, Capt. M. Otto Krohn, Mr. L. C. Lewis, Mr. J. H. Maculay, Mr. Jose de Meneses, Miss F. McLaughlin, Miss J. McCullough, Mr. Hor, and Mrs. Sam Merrill, Mrs. O. de Meloeder, Miss F. de Meenker, Mr. Martin Mead, Miss P. H. Phillips, Mr. B. M. Pearce, Mr. P. Padilla, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. H. C. Whitall, Miss Evelyn Wilkes, Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Zeller.

KINEMA NOTES.

HONG KONG THEATRE.

A charming love story enacted in a gay art colony will be shown at the Hongkong Theatre at the matinee and 9.15 p.m. performances, when Dorothy Dalton will be seen in a delightful comedy-drama written by John B. Ritchie.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday.

Mr. and Miss Edkins returned to the Colony by the s.s. "Soochow" which arrived here from Shanghai yesterday.

Mr. William Satterthwaite of the s.s. "Teucer" has passed the Board of Trade examination as second class engineer.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM WEDNESDAY, MAY 11.

Shanghai ... Chinkiang

THURSDAY, MAY 12.

Shanghai ... Suiyang Shidomei Maru

Straits & Canada, Japan and Shanghai ... Empress of Japan

FRIDAY, MAY 13.

EUROPE via Soer (Letters and Newspapers London - 7th & 14th April) ... China

SATURDAY, MAY 14.

Japan and Shanghai ... Kamo Maru Kirin Maru Sze-huen

Sunday, MAY 15.

Japan and Shanghai ... West Jester

OUTWARD MAILS.

FROM WEDNESDAY, MAY 11.

Shanghai and North China ... Washington 4 p.m.

Straits ... Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN ... Lake Giolano 4 p.m.

Sambari and Wuchow ... Kochow 4.30 p.m.

Sagron ... Bourbon 5 p.m.

"Jupas" ... Haru Maru 5 p.m.

Hoibow and Haiphong ... Drifur 5 p.m.

"Mohon" ... Mohon 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 12.

Japan ... St. Albans 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Shanghai and North China ... Hangang 11 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN ... Takao 12.30 p.m.

Sagron ... Melacca 3 p.m.

"Jupas" ... Hydrangea 4 p.m.

Swatow ... Tai Lee 4 p.m.

Shanghai and North China ... Soochow 5 p.m.

Japan ... Sze-huen 5 p.m.

Philippines Islands ... Tacer 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 13.

Amoy, Shanghai, North China and Japan ... Aratoon Apar 7.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... Haikou 11 a.m.

Philippines Islands ... Loonggang 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 14.

Dairen, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO. Registration 8.15 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China ... Amoy ... Peria Maru Chinkiang 11 a.m.

Straits ... Takao 1 p.m.

Shanghai and North China ... Laiming 2 p.m.

Amoy ... Suiyang 3 p.m.

Nagoya ... Nagoya 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 15.

Sagron ... Phenepenh 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Keeling ... Taiping 2 p.m.

Japan, Honolulu and SAN FRANCISCO ... Seijo Maru 3 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 16.

Straits, Bangkok ... Sze-huen 11 a.m.

Tianjin ... Langchow 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 17.

Shanghai and North China ... Soochow 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... Hainan 11 a.m.

Wednesday, MAY 18.

Hoibow and Haiphong ... Lotang 8 a.m.

Amoy, Philippines Islands ... Taeung 2 p.m.

Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tien-tsin ... Kueichow 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 19.

Amoy, "Shanghai and North China" ... Soochoo Maru 3 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... Tsimming 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 21.

Hoibow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ... Kaitong 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 22.

Swatow and Paniki ... Chantang 8 a.m.

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DISHONEST BOY.

MISTRESS ROBBED.

RAIDERS FOR FREQUENT THEFTS.

A small Chinese boy employed by Mrs. Tidbury, of No. 9, Coronation Road, Yaumati, was charged this morning before Magistrate Orme with having stolen a \$1 note which the property of his mistress, pleaded "guilty" but refused to give any reason for the theft.

The Magistrate remarked that he thought the boy came from bad stock and was evilly inclined.

Inspector Brown said that the defendant had been in Mrs. Tidbury's employ for the past two months. During that time Mrs. Tidbury had often lost money. Late she had made it a practice to take down the numbers of all her notes. Yesterday she missed some money. When the defendant was searched a \$1 note bearing a number corresponding to one on one of the missing notes was found on him. He also had a key which fitted the lock of the drawer in which Mrs. Tidbury kept her money.

The Magistrate asked him if he had relatives?

Inspector Brown: His mother is dead and his father is in America.

A Chinese woman who was present in Court told the Magistrate in English that the defendant had relatives in Sunning. She was his guardian and recommended him to Mrs. Tidbury. The defendant had not been in the habit of stealing when he had lived with her.